Increase in diabetes in the country

4565. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether India has been declared the diabetes capital of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more and more juvenile are falling prey to this disease,

(d) whether it is also a fact that unless concrete steps are taken to combat this disease, the diabetic population in India will rise to 5.72 crore by 2025; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to arrest the increasing trend of this disease among the children and to accelerate steps to spread awareness among masses?

THE MINISTER OF STAIE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) There is no nation wide data collection regarding the number of people suffering from diabetes. However, it has been estimated that in 1995, 19.4 million individuals were affected by diabetes in India & these numbers are expected to increase to 57.2 million by the year 2025. Indian Council of Medical Research have estimated that about 10% of the diabetics in the country are in the juvenile age group.

(e) Since Diabetes is a Lifestyle related disease, it is very important to adopt preventive lifestyle intervention for control of diabetes among the children and the adults in the country. These interventions are being emphasized through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities of the Government including through Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB).

Health satellite

4566. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is considering launching a health satellite to beep up tele-medicine facilities and help the country's health care sector;